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**Thoracic Outlet Syndrome: the most likely and UNDERUSED diagnosis for arm numbness**

Scenario: your patient develops numbness and tingling 3 weeks post accident, in the right arm down to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> fingers. Her MD orders MRI with no abnormal findings. Symptoms continue and the EMG is normal. Insurance company suspects mental, rather than physically based pain.

Six months post accident patient still suffers arm numbness.



This condition may very well be Thoracic Outlet Syndrome [TOS]. It is easily and inexpensively diagnosed.

Dr Gary Lewkovich DC recommends using the "scalene push test". The DC places moderate pressure over the lower portion of neck muscles and holding the pressure for a period of 10 seconds. If no arm symptoms show up within 10 seconds, you have a negative test.

For a detailed summary how to diagnose Thoracic Outlet Syndrome by Dr. Lewkovich, ask [johntawlian@shawnsteel.com](mailto:johntawlian@shawnsteel.com) for a copy.

Consider using these powerful ICD-9 codes for TOS: 353.0 or 727.4.

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**3 Wins in L.A. County: Congrats to**

- **Lynn Kerew DC, Santa Monica**
- **Peter Dykeman DC, Hawthorne**
- **Paul Brandt DC, Simi Valley**

**Lynn Kerew DC**, helped earn a \$27,500 jury verdict [Seekamp vs. Merritt] for an accident in West LA. Two MD's and a CPA testified. Good result.

**Peter Dykerman DC**, won a tough case, \$15,000 [Hyatt vs. Kabashi] where defendant insurance company hired a Mechanical Engineer trying to prove the accident was the victim's fault. Instead the "expert" was impeached because he never interviewed the patient nor did he inspect the scene.

**Paul Brandt DC**, was able to show that a mother and her two children [Spindler vs. Vasilyevich] required chiropractic care in a rearend with \$4000 property damage. The family received \$29,000.

**PRACTICE TIPS**

- **There are usually 1 to 3 jurors who have been or are active DC patients, they are pro DC if your bills are reasonable.**
- **In each case the DC's brought in MD's to help verify the injuries and each MD testified with the DC's.**



**Free Teleconference**  
**Wednesday, November 26 @ 1:00 pm**  
**When & How to use MD's**  
**E-mail [johntawlian@shawnsteel.com](mailto:johntawlian@shawnsteel.com) for telephone # and pass code.**